The Shoe and Leather Institution Is Plundered of \$354,000.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS DISCOVERY

Bookkeeper Seely and Depositor Frederick Baker Pray Upon the Bank for Ten Years Taking \$200 at a Time-Seely Supposed to Have Sailed.

By the United Press.

New York, Nov. 25. The National Shoe and Leather bank at-Broadway and Chambers street has been robbed of \$354,000 by Samuel C. Seely, one of its book-keepers, and Frederick Baker, a depositor. Seely fled a week ago Saturday, leav-

ing a confession in his lawyer's hands. It is supposed that he fled by steam-

noon at his country home at Sand's Point. There is of course a strong had told his accomplice before the lat-Baker got all but \$11,000 of the stolen

Baker was drowned from a rowboat in Long Island Sound just in front of his country home. His two sons were out on the Sound gunning, and he enafter them to see what luck they were when about 1 o'clock the sons started | tions by national bank examiners. for home they found their father's body floating face upward on The water beside his overturned skiff. They towed it ashore, and as there had been, so far robbery had not become publicly known, the coroner's jury found that the death was accidental.

Hundred Accounts Tampered With. The thefts have extended over a period of nearly ten years, and were accomplished by means of fictitious balances, false credits, and correspond- | Seely. ing debits entered in the ledger. Seely it is believed, and credited the money debited upon Baker's account, and the money was drawn out of the bank by bank about whom we felt safer than the shoulders. about Seely." Baker had been a depositor in the bank more than twenty

years. The stealing might have gone on for an indefinite time had not the bank offi- that he was going to run away. cers decided to institute a new system of bookkeeping. The new system was to peared after he left the bank at 5 be put in operation on Thursday last. o'clock. It is believed that he sailed for and Seely knew it. The business of the Europe from a Canadian port or perbank was moving on in the usual rou- haps Boston. tine on Friday, Nov. 16, when Scely asked for a day's leave of absence. was tired of living in Brooklyn, he said. and wanted to go out and look for a country home. His request was granted, and on Saturday another bookkeeper was put at his work.

Seely had had charge of ledger A to K. The accounts, of course, had to be gone over every day. Seely's substitute soon reported to President Crane that he could not make them balance. He was told to try again, for Seely's reputation was so good that no suspicion was aroused in the officers' minds at could not be untangled, and when, on pated to be very heavy. Monday morning, Seely did not appear at the bank, the officers went to work at once on his books and found them hopelessly confounded. That money had been taken fraudulently from the bank soon became apparent, but how the books had been muddled was a puzzle, so elaborate the system of falsification had been.

On Tuesday the directors were convened and they were in almost continuous session until yesterday evening. bank force worked day and night on the accounts and on the pass books which had all been called in. On Wednesday the amount of the defalcation was found to be \$354,000

Left a Confession When He Fled. When Seely falled to appear at the bank on Monday morning the bank officers sent to his house, 423 Halsey street, Brooklyn, to inquire for him. He was not at home, and had not been at home since Friday, and the messengers were referred to Frank W. Angel, his attorney and confidential adviser. Mr. Angel has offices at 108 Fulton street and lives in Jersey City.

"Mr. Angel told us," said Vice President George L. Pease yesterday afternoon, "that Seely had seen exposure coming and had confessed his predicament and asked for advice. 'Do you want advice from me in this?' said the lawyer. 'Well, go and blow your brains

"What Seely did," Mr. Pease continued, "we know nothing about. He may have chosen Saturday to look for 'country home' because it was the day that the steamers sall, or he may be within thirty minutes of this office now. Sometimes we think he is. But \$20,000 in stock speculation and shot himwe hope to get his accomplice, the de-

Seely told Mr. Angel that from the large sum stolen he had profited to the extent of only \$11,000, the depositor getting the remainder of it.

Seely lived in Halsey street with his wife and one child. He is-or was-38 years old, and loved to stay at home. He was not a club man. He was a tion company's roof at Allentown, break-pewholder in the Rey. Dr. Behrends' ing Fireman Walkers' leg. church, but was not an active member of the church. His brother-in-law, who is also a bookkeeper in the Shoe and Leather bank, said yesterday that Seely was a man of quiet life without known vices, and that no suspicion had ever attached to him. He was not master, crushing him to death. known to speculate, and his property consisted, the brother-in-law said, of a half interest in the \$5,000 house in Hal- weighing 1% pounds. The baby can

and the United States Guaranty company was on his bond for \$7,500.

eton ledger. The skeleton ledger was intended to show to the bank's officers at a glance the daily balances, and it was also to give the bookkeeper instant information for the benefit of the paying teller when a check was presented. Method of the Robbery.

Seely's method of stealing may be illustrated in this way: The depositor Baker, who was in collusion with him, would present a check say for \$200 to the paying teller, who would ask the bookkeeper if Baker's account was good for the amount. Seely would reply "Yes," even though Baker had not a dollar in the bank. Seely then would credit Baker's account with an amount sufficient to cover the check, and the amount so placed to Baker's credit Seely would By the United Press. charge against the account say of John The paper debits and credits Jones. balanced each other, and so the cash southern states, notably in Alabam balance at the end of the day would not and the contests which will necessarily show the transaction. When it be- be brought before congress, raise into came necessary to balance the account | new importance the adoption of election of John Jones, Seely would draw (on laws that will insure fairness at the paper) from another account, as he had polls and in the count. A "prominent done from Jones', and so on as far as Republican" is quoted in a local paper became necessary. It is estimated that as saying that the next house will con-

To maintain such a practice for so tional scale under a committee of its long a time must have required a set of ablest members, and with a thoroughsuggestion of suicide. Baker, who was books for Seely's own use, recording his ness that will leave nothing to be dea supposedly wealthy and respectable swindles as carefully as the legitimate sired. The investigation will not be lawyer in this city, past 60 years of age, accounts of the bank were recorded, or partisan or sectional, but directed to he would have been caught tripping, the correction of abuses and guarding ter's flight that he was too old to run | for no man could carry so many entries | the national elections against undue inaway himself and would stay and face and the condition of so many accounts the music. It is alleged by Seely that in his head. But not a scrap of paper What is needed is a broad, liberal law, has been found to show how Seely kept | which will insure full protection to every his crooked ways co-ordinated. No pa- qualified voter in casting his ballot, and per has been found either which could which will also guard the ballot box convict him of forgery, and the checks against dishonesty in ascertaining and of Baker were either torn up by Seely proclaiming the result of the popular or returned to the maker of them. He verdict. terred a boat ostensibly to row out operated the swindle in the face of semiannual examinations of his accounts by having. He never reached them, and the directors and frequent examina-

Seely was careful never to charge the amount he credited to Baker to any account which was likely to be drawn as known, no witnesses of the drown- would nearly exhaust it. The bank is ing, and the news of Mr. Baker's im- an old one, having been organized as a the so-called Force bill. It should be plication in the Shoe and Leather bank state bank in 1853 by merchants engaged in the prosperous leather trade, and had many accounts which were rarely drawn on. Vice-President Pease said he knew of one account of more check had not been drawn in nineteen years. This state of things helped

Seely was a man 5 feet 9 inches in tampered with more than 100 accounts, height, with light hair and light moustache. He was emaciated, having the appearance of a man who suffered from pulmonary weaknesses or indigestion. Baker. The bank officers had the ut- He was very regular in his habits most confidence in Seely, who was a and never visited any of the clubs quiet, home-loving man, and the treas- or saloons in the neighborhood of his urer of the United States Guaranty home. One pecularity of his personal company, which was Seely's surety, appearance was that one of his shoulsaid, when told of his defalcation: ders was noticeably higher than the There was not a man in the other and he had acquired a stoop of

When Seely left home on Friday morning he put on his heaviest winter underclothing. He told his wife then that there was trouble at the bank, and He worked all that day and disap-

THIS MORNING'S FIRE.

Residence of D. Gallagher, of Fourth Avenue, Partially Destroyed. The alarm of fire sounded from box

was caused by a fire at the residence of D. Gallagher, of Fourth street.

The roof was practically consumed by the flames, but owing to the energy of the hose companies, which responded to the alarm promptly, the fire was extinguished in twenty-five minutes. The first. But the confusion of the accounts damage to the building is not antici-

DOTS AND DASHES.

Two European governments have made propositions to convert Mexico's foreign debt to a silver basis. While his wife died of hunger in one

room, Marcus Cox, a Vancouver, B. C., miser, sat counting gold. Mrs. Barney Kelly, of Webster City, Ia., answered H. H. Himbaugh's defamatory stories with a horsewhip.

Mrs. Lily A. Thompson, a widow of 23, has applied for a place on the Washington (D. C.) police force.

In rescuing her 14-months-old babe from the jaws of a wild hog, Mrs. Galobie, of Sacred Heart, Oklahoma, received fatal All railroad passes were returned by

Justice W. A Johnson, of the Kansus su preme court, as tending to prejudice his Miss Bancroft, granddaughter of the

late historian, is to wed Commander Flack, of the Swedish novy, who has been studying at Newport. The new judge of the North Carolina superior court, W. S. O'B. Robinson, is

said to be the first Roman Catholic to hold office in the state.

York Museum of Natural History to be-come curator of zoology in the Field Coiumbian museum, Chicago, After being jailed two months for con

tempt in refusing to give up stolen bonds, Attorney William Burnett, of Cinetanati, still refuses, and is likely to get a

KEYSTONE VIGNETTES.

Reading will burn its garbage. Delaware county is overruu with tramps.

Senator Flinn will try to secure Phildelphia's building law for Pittsburg at

Charles Depew, of Crum Lynne, lost

the next session of the legislature. John Kobalsky, a Wilkes-Barre Hun-garian, through an interpreter's error, married the wrong girl and will seek a digarian.

A quarry blast threw a big stone a young men from Anacortes named quarter of a mile and through the Trac-Barron and Garrish are the lucky find-

Dr. William F. Barclay, one of Pittsburg's best physicians, has been expelled from the Allegheny County Medical society because he advertises. Daniel Bittings' horse balked and

backed off a bridge at Bower's station, Berks county, and alighted on top of its Mrs. Henry Himmel, of Sharon, pre sented her husband with a baby sor placed in an ordinary teacup, and is well.

Seely's salary was \$1,800. He had been employed in the bank since 1890. Evangelical church (Dubsite) was laid at Bethlehem yesterday afternoon by Bishop Haman. The new church will cost \$5,000.

AN HONEST BALLOT

Strong, Non-Sectional Pederal Election Law Is Needed.

THE FORCE BILL IMPROVED

More Effective Legislation with the Same Purpose-If the South Is Most Affected by Such a Law, It Is Because It

Has Most Offended.

Washington, Nov. 25.-The experience of the recent election in a number of Eaker was drowned yesterday after- he did this with more than 100 accounts. duct a Lexow investigation on a na-

Faults of the Force Bill.

"The Force bill, as that measure was known," said the authority alluded to, 'was really of no force. A more immature measure for the accomplishment of a great purpose was never brought forward in congress. That came to be genupon by its owner for an amount which | erally confessed. Whatever the new measure may be, it will not be a copy of something better than that; something simpler and drawn so as to defeat the cry, which, however, is certain to be raised under any circumstance of sectionalism. If the south should be more than \$100,000 in the bank aginst which a effected by the bill than other sections of the country, it will only be for the reason that the evil sought to be corrected prevails to a greater degree there than elsewhere. The bill must be made applicable to all sections alike.

"The better element in the southern states deplores the conditions surrounding suffrage there. Right thinking men of the south see that great harm is accruing to their section from the prevalence of such a state of affairs. Many of the men who assisted to establish terrorism and cheating at the polls are anxious to have them stopped. They excuse their former action on the score of extreme necessity. The negro, they declare, as led by carpet baggers, was a menace to property rights and good government. The negro is no longer a menace. Both parties are now led by native whites, and the demand is that all the votes be fairly counted. The trouble lies in this: What was organized and put in force by all the property holders, acting, as they claimed, in defense of property and personal security, is now being continued by rings of politicians, whose only aim is office and local political supremacy. The men who live by politics want the cheating to go on. The men who have 43, at corner of Fifth avenue and Fifth | the real interests of the south at heart street, about 1.30 o'clock this morning, want it stopped. The Republica, party will make an effort to stop it."

WALKER'S CI RENCY SCHEME. ke Gold the Basis of F Circulation.
By the U.it ress.

Washington, Nov. 25 .- Of the financial schemes discussed by those congressmen who have reached the city, that of Mr. Walker, of Massachusetts, is prominent. Walker proposes that the banks shall deposit gold on which to By the United Press. base their circulation, and shall have | Worcester, Mass., Nov. 25.—Daniel Mc-issued to them, dollar for dollar, notes | Tiernan, aged 14, while playing foot baal for circulatiion, making these deposits of gold take the place of the bonds now required by the national laws as se-

Speaking of this project Mr. O'Neill of the same state, a Democrat, says "It doesn't make any difference about Walker being a Republican; his plan is, in my judgment, the very best that has been presented, and this congress should not hesitate a minute about doing it. If the Democrats do not adopt it this season, I feel confident that the Republicans will at the next. This plan, instead of increasing the public debt, would ultimately wipe out the interest-bearing obligations and retire

the greenbacks. But a small per cent, of the gold thus deposited with the government is reserved for redemption purposes and the rest is kept in circulation by being used for the retirement of bonds and grasp of affairs and ability to talk. Daniel G. Elliott will leave the New greenbacks, or for any other purposes which the needs of the government de mand. In a general way the proposition is to have an abundant currency based on coin, and to keep all the money mouldy and useless, in the treasury

THE NEW ELDORADO.

Yeritable Bonanza Gold Mine Discoy ered in Washington. Editor of The Tribune:

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 25.-Michael Shuman, a well known mining man, returned yesterday from his mines in the Okonagon district. He reports the find of a veritable bonanza gold mine at the very summit of the Cascade range of mountains near Slate Creek. Two young men from Anacortes named

ers. Shuman says that the boys, after a week's work with the crudest of implements, have cleaned up \$12,000 with plenty of the same rich dirt in sight. Nearly all the miners in that section of the country have flocked to the new Eldorado and staked out claims.

SWINDLED LUCINDA.

Holmes Owes Mrs. Burns, of Detroit, a Two Dollar Board Bill. Ry the United Press.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 25.-The Detroit police were last night asked to look up Mrs. Lucinda Burns and ascertain whether she had in her possession the The system of bookeeping in use at the Shoe and Leather bank was a modern one of daily ledger balances, which was complete in its record, and a skel-was complete in its recor

Burns while in this city Oct. 12. The woman was found in a cheap boarding house on Congress street.

Mrs. Burns said she had had charge of the Pitzel children for several weeks. Three weeks ago, however, Holmes came to the city and took them away, she knows not where, at the same time beating her out of a \$2 board bill.

AN HEIRESS IN PRISON.

Mrs. Adelaide Featherstone Pleads Guilty to the Crime of Larceny.

By the United Press. Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 25.—Mrs. Ade-laide Featherstone, of Philadelphia, who

is said to be the heiress to a fortune, is an inmate of the house of correction, where she is serving a six months sentence for larceny. Last Thursday. after languishing in the county jail for four months awaiting trial, she pleaded guilty. It is said she took this action in preference to requesting aid from her wealthy relatives, being more willing to undergo imprisonment than to allow her people to learn of her disgrace.

It is believed the woman could have escaped conviction if she had demanded a trial, and it is thought that even if she was convicted a fine instead of imprisonment would have been the penalty inflicted, but being without funds she decided to plead guilty and suffer the consequences. Mrs .Featherstone is the wife of a son of the late General Featherstone, of Philadelphia.

ROYAL FAMILY SQUABBLE.

Grand Duke Vladimer's Wife Gives Princess Alix a Piece of Her Mind. By the United Press.

Berlin, Nov. 25 .- The removal of the Grand Duke Vladimir from St. Petersburg to the Caucasus is regarded as the result of a family squabble. The grand duke's wife, Mecklenburg princess, never embraced the orthodox Greek faith and she reproached the Princess Alix with protestant energy for anathematizing her religion. The scene between the two Jarred the whole imperial circle.

There was a prospect of further unpleasantness if the grand duchess should remain at court, so the ezar arranged to keep her and her husband at

BULLETS IN THEIR BRAINS. Jacob Mohow and Kate Doman Chief Actors in a Tragedy.

By the United Press. Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 25.-A terrible tragedy was discovered in the south- order. The Japanese bivouncked on the a limitation in the broad construction ern part of this city this morning in a hills. Early on the morning of Nov. 22 placed on second class matter and a sughouse on Woodward street, occupied they began storming the redoubts, gestion as to the selection of the lower Mrs. Kate Doman. The dead body of sharp, short fight. The other positions stance, Mr. Bissell puts forth a plan by Mohow and the unconscious body of were captured in quick succession with- which legitimate publications of the secthe woman were found with bullets out heavy losses to the Japanese.

ing, but there is no hope of her re- coast." covery. Mohow was 57 years of age and a veteran of the late war. The woman was some years his junior.

committed suicide.

HURLED FROM A BRIDGE.

Tragic Death of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor and Miss Kidwell. By the United Press.

Cumberland Md. Nov. 25 - This morning at 9 o'clock a terrible accident occurred at Green Springs, W. Va., eighteen miles east of this place, resulting in the death of Isaac Taylor, aged 60 years; his wife, aged 58, and Miss Kidwell, aged 17 years. They were crossing the South Branch bridge on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, when the New York and Chicago express train struck the three and hurled them into the river below, a distance of fifty feet, killing them instantly.

The engineer said he did not see them until he was within two car lengths of them, and then it was impossible to stop the train.

Another Victim of the Craze.

yesterday was fallen upon by one of his companions. He went home feeling dizzy. When his father went to call him this morning he was dead.

CABLE CULLINGS.

The massacre list in Armenia numbered 2,000.

Brigands raided the village of Glabanella, Italy, and three were killed. At the vatican there is no knowledge of an intention to supplant Mgr. Satolli. In a raid on the Albert club, the chief betting establishment in London, police captured ninety persons.

Miss Davenport Hill defeated the Duke of Newcastle by 8,000 plurality for member of the London school board. Dr. J. B. de Pioda, counsellor of the Swiss legation in Rome, has been appoint-

ed Swiss minister to Washington. Czar Nicholas created an excellent im pression at the council of state by his

Chief of Police Wahl, of St. Petersburg has been imprisoned by the czar for treating foreign newspaper reporters with dis-

respect. On his wedding day the czar will issue in motion, so as to have it earn its own manifestoes remitting arrears of taxes living, instead of being locked up, and some sentences and recording other

acts of clemency. Judge Wiedemann, who was sent on mission to England by ex-Queen Liliqukalani, has departed in disgust. He was badly snubbed.

Large parades in honor of the executed Fenians were held in Cork and Limerick yesterday. The mayor of Limerick presided over a memorial meeting of 6,000 per

The Socialist deputy, Ferri, hase been exiled from Mantua for seventy-five days for belonging to a revolutionary Several other deputies will probably be

A wayside inn near Bergedorf, Germany, was burned last night. Three bodies were found. As one had been be-headed, murder and robbery are supposed to have preceded the fire. An uprising of Kanakas is reported in progress on the islands near New Guinea.

Scores of Europeans are said to have een murdered and most of the trading posts to have been burned. The captain of the steamship Thre Cheers found fresh traces of cannibal feasts on Admiralty Island and at New Ireland. He believes that every white person in New Ireland was killed.

Several earthquakes shook large dis tricts of Sicily yesterday. The small vil-lages of Sciatr, Sampleri, Milea, Acquac-alida and San Roberto were destroyed. The homeless inhabitants have camped in the fields. A snow storm dampened the ardor of

cles of clothing. The marauder has not been captured.

The New West Side School.

Marshal Oyama's Great Victory Over the Chinese-Eighty Guns and an Immense Quantity of Rice Captured.

BATTLE OF PORT ARTHUR.

By the United Press. London, Nov. 25 .- The Port Arthur correspondent of the Central News sends this dispatch:

"Marshal Oyama had approached Port Arthur steadily for two weeks with his army in two divisions. Progress was slow and difficult, as the roads, where there were any, were poor, and the artillery could be brought for- office department during the past twelve ward only after the prisoners had prepared the way. The villages were almost empty of supplies. Many of them had been plundered bare by the Chi-

the evening of the 21st the Chinese still value. held eight or nine redoubts on the coast and had twenty guns in working by Jacob Mohow and his mistress. They captured Fort Laoma after a grade of postmasters. In the first in in their brains. The supposition is Eighty guns and an enormous quantity that Mohow shot the woman and then of rice were taken. It was wholly a mails and yet leave the government land fight. The course of events was with a surplus instead of the usual de-The woman was still alive this even- signalled to the Japanese fleet off the ficiency in the maintenance of the pos-

BRAVERY OF A WOMAN. She Warns Train Officials of a Contemp-

lated Hold Up. By the United Press Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 25 .- A plan to hold up the east bound train on the Kansas and Arkansas Valley road by favor the suggested popular vote as the the Cook gang Friday night was discovered and frustrated by the railroad officials. When the train reached a siding near Fort Gibson it was flagged by a woman, who had run five miles to post route run, 1,100,000; number of warn it of a hold up, which had been planned. Twenty-five armed men had

taken possession of a station house. The wife of the section boss eluded the watchfulness of the gang and resolved to save the train. She ran to the next station and gave the alarm. Armed men were placed on board and the train pulled slowly by the section house, where the bandits were concealed, but no attempt to hold up the train was made. The bandits discovered that their plans were known.

BUFORD IS SANE.

Will Be Returned to Florida, Where He Will Stand Trial for Murder.

By the United Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 25.-United States Marshal McKay received instructions yesterday from Attorney General Olney to come to Washington after R. E. Buford, who murdered a deputy United States marshal in Sumpter county last year, and who was de-clared insane and sent to the National Insane asylum.

Ruford has been declared sane by the authorities of the asylum and will be brought back to stand trial. He was about \$40. This done they proceeded also indicted for sending obscene mat- to tie the agent hand and foot; with a ter through the mall, but got off on the insanity plea.

ESCAPE FROM MAHDISTS.

Father Rossignoli, Who Was Captured Years Ago, Returns from Khartoum. By the United Press.

Cairo, Nov. 25 .- Father Rossignoli, who was captured by the Mahdists in 1883 and until recently was held prisoner by them in Omdurman, arrived here today.

He repeated the story of his escape with an Arab after he had been allowed to go to Khartoum for his health. He wandered along the river side by night he says, and hid in the hills by day. He was employed as a waiter in a cafe during the last years of his residence in

DEATH OF THOMAS COONEY. Former Resident of Pittston Killed on the Railroad.

By the United Press. Richmond, Va., Nov. 25.-Thomas H. Cooney, of Pittston, Pa., was found dead on the tracks of the Richmond Fredericksburg and Petersburg railroad today, a few miles north of this city. He was a passenger on the early train from Richmond to Washington.

Cooney was a brother of the well known railroad superintendent of that name at Pittston, Pa. . THIEF'S SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

Division Street Residence Entered While the Family Was in Church. While the family was attending church last evening a sneak thief entered the house of Morgan P. Daniels on Division street and succeeded in mak-

Entrance to the house was made through a rear window. The house was ransacked and a desk belonging to
Mr. Daniels' son was broken open. Generally fair; warmer Monday night:
northwest winds, becoming variable. Mr. Daniels' son was broken open.

MR. BISSELL'S REPORT.

The Postmaster General Offers Many Novel Suggestions-Will Indorse Any Plan to Solve the Country Office Prob-

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 25.-It is seldom that much of human interest is found in the pages of the formal annual report of a government officer, but Postmaster General Bissell has succeeded in proving the exception to this rule in his account of the operations of the postmonths, which he has just submitted to the president. It contains a number of novel, almost unique suggestions and recommendations, but these are associated with practical ideas and plans "Skirmishing began on Nov. 17. On that render them of more than ordinary Two of the most novel features, to which reference has been made, concern

> ond class, such as newspapers and periodicals, may be carried free through the tal service. With reference to the post masters in the smaller offices, Mr. Bissell expresses his willingness to indorse any reasonable plan which will take their selections, with all the consequent bickerings and jealousies from the hands of the postmaster general and he makes his ideas so broad on this subject as to leave no doubt that he will means out of the difficulty in cases where there is more than one candidate. The record of an average day's business is as follows: Number of miles of stamps manufactured, 8,300,000; number of envelopes manufactured, 1,800,000; number of postal cards manufactured, 1,500,000; number of pieces mailed, 15,-700,000; number of letters mailed, 7,400,-000; number of pieces of mail matter distributed and re-distributed by railway postal clerks, 27,500,000; number of pieces handled in dead letter office, 24,000; daily transactions in money order business,

\$1,100,000; daily expenses, \$231,100. The deficiency in postal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, was \$9,243,935. The total revenue derived was \$75,080,479, and the expenses \$84,-224,414,

TICKET AGENT ROBBED. Freebooters Enter a Railroad Station and

Appropriate \$40. By the United Press. Mont Clair, N. J., Nov. 25,-At 11.30

o'clock this morning two men entered the waiting room of the Greenwood Lake railroad station at Bloomfield, where Acting Ticket Agent C. W. Jacobus was in charge, and while one cov ered him with a revolver, the other walked into the ticket office, and emptied the cash drawer, which contained parting admonition that if he made a noise they would return and kill him they hurried away.

Jacobus was afraid to cry out, but began working his feet and soon managed to slip them free. He then ran to the upper floor, which is tenanted, and the cords, which bound his hands, were cut while messengers were sent in haste to the police. The police have a good dscription of the robbers and the country around about is being scoured by them.

Escape of a Jail Cook. Chester, Pa., Nov. 25.-Richard Webster, lias Gardner, a prisoner confined in the Media jail, awaiting trial on the charge of larceny, escaped this morning by scaling the wall. He was put in the kitchen to assist in the cooking and took ad vantage of an opportunity to get away

about 8.30 o'clock. FROM WASHINGTON.

Better 2-cent stamps are being issued Germany threatens to bar out our dried apples.

General Casey suggests that congress

appropriate \$7,357,000 for work on fortifica-

A bill will be introduced in congress providing that federal revenues must be paid in gold. No official roll of members of the Fifty

fourth congress will be made up until near March 4. Consuls and postmasters cannot be put under civil service rules without legislaion by congress

It is not probable that President Cleve-land will call the Fifty-fourth congress in extra session if the Fifty-third shall fail to enact satisfactory financial legislation. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, of the commission that investigated ing away with jewelry and a few arti- Pullman strike, says that every point made in criticism of their report by the Iron Age is false.

WEATHER REPORT.

DEPARTMENT.

It being our intention not to carry over a piece of Dress Goods that we can turn into cash, we make the following quotations,

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ings, former price, \$5.00. This Week's Price \$2.50 a Suit. ONE LOT extra fine Silk and Wool

Scotch Suitings. Special price for This Week \$3.25 a Suit. ONE LOT 52-inch Covert Cloth, ex-

tra quality. Former prices, \$1.00 This Week 75c. ANOTHER LOT, the last of the season, of our special Foreign Cash-

mere in 40 and 46-inch. The price

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